

## CAREER CORNER

*Have you thought about a career in...*

### Law/Criminal Justice

Future Outlook- Increase in demand due to a more security conscious society.

Jobs- Security Guard, Highway Patrol/Police Officer, Private Investigator, Game Warden, Secret Service/F.B.I. Agent, Lawyer.

Money- \$20,000 to \$100,000+ per year.

Education- High School diploma, AAS degree with courses in area of interest or a BA degree from a university with a major in Criminal Justice. Lawyers require law school following BA degree.

### Building Construction and Design Technology

Future Outlook- There are many opportunities to work and make a very good income in building, construction and architectural design.

Jobs- Laborers, helpers, workers, foremen, superintendents, and managers are all jobs available within the construction field. Other jobs include architects and engineers or designers.

Money- \$16,500 to \$100,000+ per year.

Education- High School diploma, an AAS degree with courses specific to your area of interest, or a BS degree with a major in area of interest.

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activities. After having time to browse the exhibits and talk to friends everyone gathered to listen to the keynote speaker, Justin Boudreau.

Justin immediately drew his listeners into his dynamic and funny life story of how a self-proclaimed "shy guy" seized opportunities from a caring teacher and chose a new path in life. The theme of Justin's speech was that each student has the ability to accomplish his or her personal dream.

After this inspiring speech attendees broke into small groups to explore ways to maximize opportunities and potential. Diversity as a plus, success beyond high school, web sites for test preparation and homework help, and career and tech student demonstrations were some of the choices available in these sessions. All attendees participated in a Safe and Bully Free Schools presentation. The day concluded with lunch and can be summed up by the positive comments of those who declared it "awesome."

### Have You Moved?

Be sure to let GEAR UP know if you ever change your address. That way we can continue to contact you for these and other exciting college-prep activities. Please send your address change to your GEAR UP school or to: [gearup@nsn.k12.nv.us](mailto:gearup@nsn.k12.nv.us)

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### GEAR UP HIGH SCHOOLS

#### Clark County

Chaparral

Clark/Mojave

Desert Pines

Palo Verde

Rancho/Valley

Western/Cheyenne

Cimarron Memorial

Eldorado/Durango

Las Vegas Academy

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A-Tech

#### Elko County

Owyhee

#### Lyon County

Yerington

#### Humboldt County

McDermitt

#### Mineral County

Mineral County

#### Nye County

Gabbs

Beatty

Tonopah

#### Washoe County

Hug



Rancho High School GEAR UP Students

### "Soaring to Close the Achievement Gap"

Clark County GEAR UP Scholars had a unique experience last November. Selected students attended "Soaring to Close the Achievement Gap" a motivational conference at the Tuscany Hotel sponsored by Clark County School District and the Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach at UNLV.

Attendees arrived to a continental breakfast plus an array of handouts and information from such groups as the Clark County library, departments of the universities, and organizations that promote positive youth attitudes and

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### GEAR UP PADRES

Gear Up es un programa de apollo a los estudiantes y padres con información y actividades para prepararlos para el colegio.

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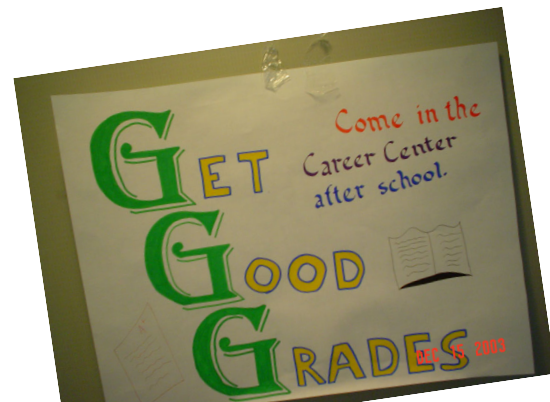
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Favor de llamarle al consejero escolar de su hijo/hija para la información acerca del Programa Gear Up.



# HUG HIGH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

## "GET GOOD GRADES"



Hug High School offers homework help to students every day after school from 2:30 to 3:30. This program is called the "GGG Club" (Get Good Grades). Students who attend can get needed help in classes they are having difficulty with.

The GGG Club's atmosphere is very different from that of a typical classroom. Students may come and go as they please. Food is there for the taking everyday, and the most dedicated and improved students (students who attend everyday or who have brought their grades up) are rewarded monthly with a pizza party. The GGG Club has monthly raffles for prizes such as university basketball tickets and Tower Record gift certificates.

The GGG Club has twelve tutors. Six of the tutors are juniors and seniors from Hug, these students have signed up to earn ½ credit through volunteer work. The other six tutors are UNR students, five of which are Wells Fargo TRIO Scholars (they were awarded the TRIO scholarship from Wells Fargo Bank). One of the scholarship requirements is to complete community service work; this requirement is met through their volunteer hours with The GGG Club. The GGG Club consists of a diverse group of students and tutors who have come together with a common goal, to help another improve or to improve oneself.



**FINANCIAL AID...** Now is the time to talk to your counselor about scholarships, grants and work study.

## SCHOLARSHIPS...you earned it!

A scholarship is money given to a student to assist with or cover the cost of higher education. Scholarships do not need to be paid back. They are awarded to students based on a number of different requirements which vary greatly from scholarship to scholarship. Each is different, and the way in which the recipients are selected is also different. Some are awarded based on financial need, while others are given to students based on their high school GPA or involvement in extra curricular activities. Your school counselor or the financial aid office at the university you would like to attend can give you more information on a scholarship that might work for you. You can find UNR scholarship information @ [www.finaid.unr.edu](http://www.finaid.unr.edu) then click on scholarships, or UNLV scholarship information @ <http://financialaid.unlv.edu/> then click on scholarships under information column.

# STUDY THIS!

## "How to Study and Earn Good Grades"



Rancho High School students acknowledged for a 3.5 GPA and higher.

### Study Tips from the book "Becoming a Master Student" by Dave Ellis

- **Study difficult or boring subjects first.** Instead of doing the fun stuff first tackle the dreaded or disliked first. Reward yourself with the material you enjoy.
- **Be aware of your best time of day.** If you tend to get sleepy after 8:00 p.m. don't put off homework until your favorite TV shows are over at 9:00.
- **Use waiting time.** Make up 3x5 study cards for formulas, vocabulary words, and ideas. Carry these with you and take them out while you are waiting for other people or riding the bus.

- **Create a regular study space.** Equip this space with all the tools you need; paper, pencils, markers, rulers, and a dictionary. If you have your tools available, you won't waste time that can be used to get the job done.
- **Study where you will be alert.** Studying on your bed sends the message that it is time to relax. This is most likely a subliminal message but you will soon be dozing or sound asleep.
- **Pay attention to your attention.** If you find your mind wandering acknowledge that and get back on task. If you think of something that needs to be done write it down on a note pad and go back to your studies.
- **Let those around you know you are studying.** Hang up the "Do Not Disturb" sign; write a contract that says you will not be disturbed, or even find a crazy hat or goofy socks to wear that symbolize "I'm working."
- **Get off the phone.** You can't learn verb conjugations while talking about that cool chick or hot guy.
- **Learn to say "no".** Be prepared to explain your need to study every day but don't use this as an excuse to get out of your household responsibilities.

### Hug High School Tutor Study Tips

**Maribel:** 1) Don't be lazy 2) Push yourself to the max 3) Don't give up 4) Study and pay attention 5) Ask for help  
**Meghan:** 1) Realize your future matters 2) Take your work seriously 3) Work hard 4) When you do something you might as well do it right 5) Study, study, study for tests  
**Edith:** 1) Study 2) Be responsible for your work and your decisions 3) Don't be lazy 4) Have a positive attitude in school and in life 5) Always ASK FOR HELP!



### [www.collegelife.about.com](http://www.collegelife.about.com)

This site provides information about various aspects of college life from the viewpoint of current college students. Topics include academics, athletics, living options, what to bring, Greek Systems, social life, and more.

### [usafunds.org](http://usafunds.org)

This site provides helpful information for students and parents about planning and paying for college.

### [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org)

This is a resource guide for parents, students, and education professionals. It provides information about preparing for college, choosing the right college, and paying for college.

### [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)

Provides helpful information about college and career planning, and has sections for middle to high school students and parents.

